

Indiana Green Party

MINUTES - FEBRUARY 2002

Indiana Green Party Meeting

February 9, 2002
The Meeting House
100 Washington Avenue
Evansville, Indiana

Tentative approval of minutes of Jan. 12 meeting (pending approval of majority of officers).

Approval of agenda, with addition of the topic "Press Release on Sept. 11 Investigation."

I. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

Heather reported that IGP has \$295.61 in its treasury. The major expenditure during the last month was to purchase IGP t-shirts. The past month saw income from some additional dues and sales of t-shirts.

II. Old Business

A. Ballot Access Petition Drive

Heather distributed blank copies of the Tom Brown petition forms, candidate flyers, and "How To" flyers. She explained the basics of gathering signatures and answered many questions from the attendees. The group passed around a sheet asking for people to commit to gathering a number of signatures by the next local meeting in mid-February.

B. Special Congress

Peter reminded people about the Special Congress that will be held in Indianapolis on March 9. The question of IGP's affiliation with Green Party of the United States will be discussed and voted on. Isabel will contact all IGP members via email and help them organize their delegates. Peter encouraged people to reserve the date on their calendars to attend this meeting.

III. New Business

A. Press Release on Sept. 11 Investigation

Clark Field presented a draft of a press release calling for a thorough, full, and immediate investigation into the failure of the government to protect citizens from the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. (See text of proposed released below.) He expressed concern that the Bush administration was putting pressure on investigators to make the investigation narrow and quick. After some discussion, the group approved of the release.

Because a quorum of officers was not present, Peter suggested that it would be best to send the press release over ingreens-discuss for review and discussion before it was issued. Although concern was expressed that this would delay release of the statement, the absence of a sufficient number of officers to vote on the release precluded a decision at the meeting. A deadline of one week after the meeting was set for wrapping up discussion and issuing the resulting release.

Proposed Press Release:

"The Indiana Green Party calls upon the U. S. Senate to carry out, in the earliest possible time frame, a thorough and complete investigation of each and every agency, committee, and arm of the U. S. Government -- including both the present Administration and the U. S. Congress -- of all of their actions and inactions, of all decisions and non-decisions leading up to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and immediately following."

IV. Reports from Locals

A. Evansville Greens

Clark reported that the local had held several well-attended forums last fall, but the forums had not generated an increased interest in membership. Activities since then have been in a holding pattern, with some work gathering signatures.

B. Monroe County Greens

Heather reported that the next Monroe County newsletter would be mailed in February to a mailing list of about 350 supporters. She also described the calendar of quarterly programs. She invited everyone to attend the Nonviolence presentation on the Afghan Women's Mission scheduled for February. A Social Justice forum focused on wages and cost of living is also scheduled for March. Finally, she described the ongoing Shadow Government project.
